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| <u><b>U.S. Patent No.</b></u><br>5,004,475                       | <u><b>Issued</b></u><br>April 2, 1991                        | <u><b>Inventor</b></u><br>Vermeire et al. |
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